APRIL 14, 2021, TOWN BOARD

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Root, County of Montgomery and State of New York was held at the Town Hall, 1048 Carlisle Road, Sprakers, New York on the 14th day of April 2021.

PRESENT: LuEmma Quackenbush Deputy Supervisor

Donald Bramer Councilman
Dominic Cuomo Councilman
John VanKersen Councilman
Robert Subik Attorney

Donald Oeser Superintendent of Highways

ABSENT: Gary Kamp Supervisor

Laurel Eriksen Town Clerk

OTHERS PRESENT: Marcia Shults, Deputy Town Clerk; Stella Gittle, Assessor; Clifton Dorrough, Code Enforcement Officer; several residents

Deputy Supervisor Quackenbush opened the meeting at 7:00 PM with the pledge to the flag.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Councilman VanKersen motioned seconded by Councilman Bramer to approve the minutes from the March 10, 2021 meeting as presented.

Ayes 4 – Quackenbush, Bramer, Cuomo, VanKersen Nays 0

REPORTS

Reports were available from the Code Enforcement Officer, the Dog Control Officer, and the Supervisor.

There were no reports from the Planning Board and the Justice.

The Deputy Town Clerk reported that the 2021 Taxes have been returned to Montgomery County and that the tax account has been successfully balanced.

The Attorney reported that he received notification that Albert Jacobs III Esq. from the Division of Human Rights received the certified copy of the revised marriage policy that was adopted by the Town on January 13, 2021. He also received notice that NYS Dept of State has filed Local Law No. 1 of 2021.

The Assessor stated that all exceptions will no longer come off your taxes instead the property owner will receive a check in the mail from New York State for the property exemptions that the owner qualifies for. She also discussed solar farms and the impact on the community as well as the taxation of the solar farms.

The Highway Superintendent spoke about the increase in CHIPS money the Town will be receiving and how he plans on using said funds. Also, he will be contacting Auctions International to place the 2011Ford 1-ton that was recently replaced on said site for sale.

AGENDA

Deputy Supervisor Quackenbush presented the agenda for the meeting. Councilman Cuomo motioned seconded by Councilman Bramer to adopt the agenda.

Ayes 4 – Quackenbush, Bramer, Cuomo, VanKersen

Nays 0

OLD BUSINESS

The Solar farm law is still being discussed by the Planning Board and is not ready for action by the Town Board.

Placing an age restriction on used mobile homes/trailers for residential purposes is also in the discussion phase with the Planning Board and is not ready for Town Board action.

One RFP was received for the cold storage facility from Nicholas Lobosco, R.A. of C.T. Male Associates, 50 Century Hill Drive, Latham, NY 12110. The Attorney will contact Nicholas Lobosco, R.A. about his proposal for Architectural services for the new cold storage building.

NEW BUSINESS

The 2021 retirement resolution for appointed and elected officials was presented. RESOLUTION No. 12 of 2021

BOARD MEMBER VanKersen presented the following resolution and moved its adoption,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Root hereby establishes the following as standard work days for elected and appointed officials and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the clerk of this body:

Title	Name	Standard Work Day (Hrs/day)	Term Begins/Ends	Participates in Employer's Time Keeping System (Y/N)	Days/Month (based on Record of Activities)
Supervisor	Cary Kamp	6	01/01/2020- 12/31/2021	N	2.89
Supervisor	Gary Kamp	0	01/01/2018-	IN	2.09
Town Clerk	Laurel S Eriksen	6	12/31/2021	N	15.07
			01/01/2018-		
Highway Superintendent	Donald W Oeser	8	12/31/2021	N	35.73
			01/01/2018-		
Board Member	LuEmma Quackenbush	6	12/31/2021	N	1.67
			01/01/2020-		
Board Member	Donald Bramer	6	12/31/2023	N	1.08
Assessor	Stella Gittle	6	10/09/2019- 09/30/2025	N	2.22
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Code Officer	Clifton Dorrough	6	12/31/2021	N	4.20
		-	01/01/2021-		
Court Clerk	Virginia Clinansmith	6	12/31/2021	N	8.81
			01/01/2021-		
Town Attorney	Robert Subik	6	12/31/2021	N	2.98
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Bookkeeper	Patricia Laux	6	12/31/2021	N	7.56

SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER Bramer.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes 4 – Quackenbush, Bramer, Cuomo, VanKersen

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The contract for the control of grass and brush on County roads was received from Montgomery County. This will be discussed next month after the Highway Superintendent has had time to review the proposed contract.

ABSTRACTS

Abstract #4 of the general fund for vouchers numbered 69-98 were audited and ordered paid. Paid abstract total was \$28,375.00.

Abstract #4 of the highway fund for vouchers numbered 47-67 were audited and ordered paid. Paid abstract total was \$42,496.17.

Councilman VanKersen motioned seconded by Councilman Cuomo to accept the audit of abstract #4 of the general fund in the amount of \$28,375.00 and abstract #4 of the highway fund in the amount of \$42,496.17. The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURN

Councilman Cuomo motioned seconded by Councilman VanKersen to adjourn at7:31 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Marcia L. Shults, Deputy Town Clerk